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SUBJECT: GDR INVITATION TO DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES IN
--57TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF RED ARMY

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED FEB 13, A COPY OF A DIPLOMATIC
NOTE SENT BY GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY TO ALL DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS IN BERLIN INVITING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT TWO
FUNCTIONS. FUNCTIONS ARE RELATED TO 57TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION OF FOUNDING OF SOVIET ARMY AND WILL TAKE
PLACE IN EAST BERLIN. EMBASSIES REQUESTED TO RESPOND
BY COB FEB. 17 LOCAL TIME, BUT WE DO NOT FEEL UNDER PRESSURE.

2. TWO FUNCTIONS ARE: A. WREATH-LAYING
CEREMONY AT SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL IN TREPTOW
ON MORNING FEB 22, AND B. ATTENDANCE AT GDR SPONSORED CEREMONIES
IN STAATSOPER AT 5 P.M. FEB 21. A THIRD FUNCTION
NOT MENTIONED IN THE NOTE IS A RECEPTION TO BE
HOSTED BY THE SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE IN
EAST BERLIN FOLLOWING ITEM B ABOVE FOR WHICH WE HAVE
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ALSO RECEIVED AN INVITATION.

3. IN CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR BRITISH AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES, IT APPEARS THAT BRITISH HAVE PERMISSION TO ATTEND BOTH A AND B ABOVE AT THEIR OWN DISCRETION, AND THAT AMBASSADOR KEEBLE PLANS TO ATTEND THEIR FUNCTION. FRENCH COLLEAGUE STATES HIS AMBASSADOR WILL BE REPRESENTED AT A ABOVE BUT WILL NOT ATTEND HIMSELF. FRENCH APPARENTLY DID NOT ATTEND FUNCTION SIMILAR TO B LAST YEAR AND CURRENTLY BELIEVE THEY SHOULD NOT UPSET PRECEDENT BY ATTENDING STAATSOPER FUNCTION THIS YEAR. THE BRITISH, TOO, HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE STAATSOPER EVENT. WITH REGARD TO INVITATION OF SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE TO RECEPTION, FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND HIS DEPUTY WILL BE GIVING DINNER PARTY AT THAT TIME AND PLAN TO SEND A SECOND SECRETARY TO REPRESENT THEM.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTS AMBASSADOR COOPER OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE ATTEND TREPTOW WREATH-LAYING CEREMANY AND RECEPTION GIVEN BY SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHE. IN VIEW OF FRENCH AND BRITISH RELUCTANCE TO ATTEND STAATSOPER FUNCTION, AND ITS SPONSORSHIP UNDER GDR AUSPICES, WE SUGGEST THAT INVITATION BE REGRETTERED BY EMBASSY. (WE UNDERSTAND FROM BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE THAT SOME HARSH WORDS WERE SAID AT LAST YEAR'S FUNCTION ABOUT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND WEST GERMAN ARMY.)

5. IN ORDER TO PASS ON OUR POSITION TO BRITISH AND FRENCH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES HERE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE BY FEB. 19, IF POSSIBLE.COOPER

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